



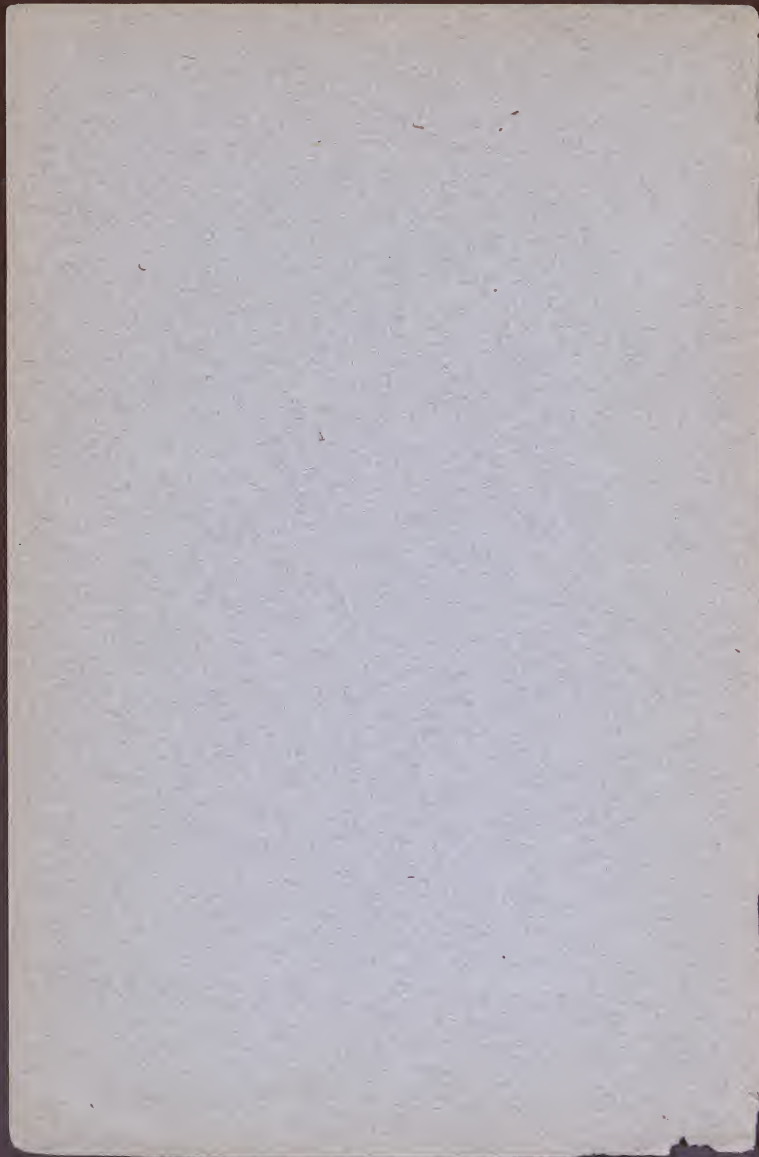
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German and Austrian Science and Art



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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Emergency:

Ever since the reopening of communication with Germany and Austria pitiful appeals on behalf of the intellectual life of these war-ridden countries have been received by American scholars, who studied at German or Austrian universities.

Germany and Austria had developed before the Great War a class of highly trained specialists in every field of scientific endeavor, which for numbers and productivity did not have its superior in any other country of the world. It was these patient, hard-working and world-renowned investigators who attracted students from all corners of the globe and who gave unstintingly and without expectation of financial reward the fruits of their labor in the various "Jahresberichte" and learned periodicals without which no college or university library is considered adequately equipped.

These men, to whom the whole civilized world owes so much, are in dire want. Their salaries, at no time ample, are now because of the low purchasing power of the Mark and the Krone in many cases insufficient to supply even the physical wants of their families.

But still greater is the intellectual need. German and Austrian scholars are practically isolated from the rest of the world, as the price of foreign books and periodicals is prohibitive for them, and that at a time when the freest exchange of ideas is most essential. They cannot keep abreast of the progress made in their specialties, nor can they make the results of their research known to other workers in their respective fields, because many of the learned serial publications are threatened with extinction or have already gone out of existence. The price of labor and material is at present so exorbitant that only in rare instances can a scientific book be printed. The Academies of Science in Berlin, Munich and Vienna have been forced to discontinue their publications. The physiological and biological laboratories, which formerly carried on the most far-reaching investigations for the benefit of all mankind, are so completely crippled for lack of funds that their opportunity for effective work is practically nil. And so it is in all other departments of learning. The situation is truly tragic. Men consumed with the desire for truth and willing to suffer hunger and want, if they could only devote themselves to their intellectual labors, are deprived of their very tools; while the promising young men, from whose ranks the future scholars must be recruited, are diverted into other fields.

Germany and Austria cannot revive thru charity alone. They must be allowed to get back to work and only science can show the way to meet this problem. This matter is not purely a European question, for the interdependence of peoples has grown to such an extent that no other nation can prosper economically or intellectually, if Germany and Austria stagnate and decay, or if their highly perfected scientific organizations

are permitted to break down. A chaotic Germany or Austria will drag the rest of the world after it in its ruin.

Founding of the Society:

Various individual efforts were made to relieve this situation. Professor R. C. Schiedt organized help in Lancaster, Pa.; Mr. J. M. Wulfinck of St. Louis raised a fund of \$1000; in New York Dr. Hugo Lieber and Professor Franz Boas were active. But it was soon found that a nation-wide organization was necessary to cope adequately with the problem. Accordingly, a meeting was called at the office of Mr. Carl L. Schurz in New York on May 7, 1920. There were present: Emanuel Baruch, Franz Boas, K. G. Frank, F. W. J. Heuser, Carl F. Kayser, Camillo von Klenze, H. C. Kudlich, Gustav Lindenthal and Carl L. Schurz. It was agreed that an organization be temporarily formed to meet the emergencies outlined above and that an organizing meeting be held as soon as one hundred members had been gotten together. After an active campaign of less than two weeks, during which 116 members had been pledged, a meeting was called on May 28. At this meeting and at a supplementary meeting held on June 22, a constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the following officers were elected:

President, Professor Franz Boas;

First Vice-President and Chairman of the Executive Committee,
Dr Hugo Lieber;

Second Vice-President, Professor Carl F. Kayser;

Recording Secretary, Professor A. Busse;

Corresponding Secretary, Professor F. W. J. Heuser;

Treasurer, Mr. James Speyer, of Speyer and Co., New York.

Executive Committee, Dr. Emanuel Baruch, Professor Julius Bewer,
Mr. Rudolf Erbslöh, Dr. K. G. Frank, Professor Camillo von
Klenze and the other officers *ex officio*.

Statistics of Membership:

Up to January 5, 1921, the date of the annual meeting, the membership was composed of 14 Fellows, 120 Sustaining Members, and 300 Regular Members, recruited from 79 different cities and 19 states of the Union. There are also members in Mexico and Canada.

Countries and Beneficiaries Designated:

Two hundred and forty members designated Germany as the beneficiary of their contributions, 58 Germany or Austria, 13 Austria alone. Sums varying from \$5 to \$50 were received for: Archäologisches Reichsinstitut, Baden, Charlottenburger Technische Hochschule, German technical schools and the German University in Czecho-Slovakia, Heidelberg, Hanover, Russia, Tübingen, Wien and Württemberg.

Change of Name:

The founders of the Emergency Society had hoped to make it a sort

of international clearing-house for the intellectual needs of all the countries of Europe. This hope was not fulfilled. Those who presumably might be interested in countries other than Germany or Austria held aloof or established separate societies along national lines. Since the vast majority of the members had made their contributions specifically for Germany and Austria, it seemed a logical step for the Board of Directors to recommend that the name be changed. Accordingly a special meeting of the Society was called on November 30th, 1920, at which it was voted unanimously that the name should henceforth read: Emergency Society for German and Austrian Science and Art.

Branch Societies:

At the meeting of October 12, 1920 it was voted that:

Any city or district, in which twenty-five members are located, contributing a total of no less than two hundred and fifty dollars annually to the Society, shall have the right to form a branch. The chairman of each branch shall become a member of the central governing board.

Such a branch has been recently organized at Chicago, Ill., with Professor Ferdinand Schevill as chairman and Professor Hans E. Gronow as secretary-treasurer, both of the University of Chicago.

Negotiations are still pending for the establishment of branches in Boston, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Dubuque, San Francisco and St. Louis.

The branch-societies will be invited to subscribe their funds for specific needs, so that due credit will be given them abroad.

Awards Made:

1. Before the organization of the Society:

Contributions were received by the President from the following ladies and gentlemen:

W. E. Boeckler, E. T. Gundlach, Oscar Herf, E. R. Henckler, Dr. Adolph Kempe, Otto Koechl, Mrs. Victor Koechl, Hugo Koehler, Paul Mausolff, Geo. S. Mephram, A. C. F. Meyer, Dr. Willy Meyer, Gustav Oberländer, Julius Pitzman, R. W. Pommer, Adèle Guye Riesenberger, C. H. Schlapp, Dr. Henry Schwartz, Gustav Setz, G. A. Schnull, W. V. Schevill, Carl Stülpnagel, A. J. Walter, Paul H. Walther, F. Widmann, Dr. W. L. Wirbelauer, Oscar R. Witte, I. S. Wolf, Lillie Guye Wulfig, J. M. Wulfig, Howard E. Wurlitzer.

The following amounts were allocated for these specific purposes:

- a. 6000 Marks, Akademie der Wissenschaften (Geology).
- b. 1000 Kronen, Oesterreichische Zeitschrift für Botanik, Wein.
- c. 9000 Marks, Romanische Forschungen, Erlangen.
- d. 3000 Marks, Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Berlin.
- e. 7500 Marks, Zeitschrift für Colloid-Chemie, Leipzig.
- f. 1000 Dollars, Preussische Staatsbibliothek, Berlin.

2. At the meeting of July 14, 1920:

- a. 5000 Marks, Veröffentlichungen der Gesellschaft für Erdkunde, Berlin.
- b. 4000 Marks, Veröffentlichungen des Schlesischen Vereins für vaterländische Kultur, Breslau.
- c. 6000 Marks, Romanische Forschungen, Erlangen.
- d. 9000 Marks Orientalische Bibliographie, München.

3. At the meeting of August 12, 1920:

- a. 9523 Marks, Verein zur Förderung des Entomologischen Museums, Berlin-Dahlem.
- b. 15,000 Kronen, Mitteilungen des Instituts für österreichische Geschichtsforschung, Wien.
- c. 12,000 Kronen, Geographischer Jahresbericht aus Oesterreich, Wien.

4. At the meeting of October 12, 1920:

- a. 24,000 Marks, Veröffentlichungen der Kantgesellschaft, Berlin.

5. At the meeting of November 12, 1920:

- a. 22,500 Kronen, Veröffentlichungen der Zoologisch-Botanischen Gesellschaft, Wien.
- b. 22,500 Kronen, Wiener Studien, Wien.
- c. 22,500 Kronen, Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes, Wien.
- d. 37,500 Kronen, Tschermaks Mineralogische und Petrographische Mitteilungen, Wien.

There were also set aside at this meeting, until the exact needs could be ascertained:

- a. 12,000 Marks, Euphorion, Leipzig und Wien.*
- b. 12,000 Marks, Jahresbericht zur Neueren Deutschen Literaturgeschichte, Berlin.
- c. 16,000 Marks, Gesellschaft zur Förderung deutscher Wissenschaft, Literatur und Kunst in Böhmen.*

6. At the meeting of November 30, 1920:

- a. 45,000 Marks, Veröffentlichungen des Zentral-Instituts für Erziehung und Unterricht, Berlin.

7. During his recent stay in Germany, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Hugo Lieber, made the following donations in the name of the Emergency Society:

- a. 100,000 Marks, Institut für Krebsforschung, Berlin.
- b. 10,000 Marks, Deutsche Zentral-Bücherei für Blinde, Leipzig.
- c. 20,000 Marks, Universitätsinstitut für Tuberkuloseforschung, Berlin.

*Definitely appropriated in January, 1921.

d. 50,000 Marks, Notgemeinschaft der Deutschen Wissenschaft, Berlin.

e. 30,000 Marks, Technische Hochschule, Karlsruhe.

The thanks of the Society are also due to Dr. Lieber for his generosity in assuming part of the expenses for printing.

Co-operation with the Notgemeinschaften:

On the 30th of October, 1920, representatives of the five German Academies of Science, the Universities, the Technische Hochschulen, the Kaiser Wilhelm Gesellschaft zur Förderung deutscher Wissenschaft, the Verband Deutscher Naturforscher und Aerzte met in Berlin to form the Notgemeinschaft der deutschen Wissenschaft, for the purpose of organizing the relief work on behalf of German science.

A similar society has very recently been formed in Austria, under the title: Notgemeinschaft der Deutsch-österreichischen Wissenschaft.

In order to give aid where it is most urgently needed and to avoid duplication of effort, the Board of Directors of the Emergency Society voted to make these two organizations the disbursing agents of the Society and to confer with them as to the most pressing needs of German and Austrian Science.

Needs of the Future:

The needs for the immediate future are very great. A conservative estimate places them at \$500,000 a year. This means a very large membership and liberal donations. Accordingly each member is requested to make the aims of the Society known to his friends and acquaintances and to urge them to become members.

The Secretary will gladly supply blank-forms and circulars to all those interested in increasing the membership or in establishing branch societies. A copy of the constitution will be mailed on request.

Dues:

The annual dues are: regular members, \$5; sustaining members, \$10; fellows, \$100. Patrons make one single payment of \$1000.

Checks, drawn to the order of James Speyer, Treasurer, should be sent to the Secretary, F. W. J. Heuser, Columbia University, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. J. HEUSER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Receipts

Memberships and Donations.....\$5,340.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Romanic Studies, Erlangen.....	\$100
Austrian Journal for Botany, Vienna.....	50
Deutsche Bank, Berlin (M. 57,000).....	1,425
“ “ “ (M. 42,424).....	700
“ “ “ (M. 40,000).....	500
Geographical Society, Berlin.....	125
Oriental Bibliography, Munich.....	200
Silesian Society for German Culture, Breslau.....	100
Romanic Studies, Erlangen.....	150
Geographical Annual, Vienna.....	60
Institute for Austrian Historical Research, Vienna.....	75
Entomological Museum, Berlin-Dahlem.....	200
Zoological-Botanical Society, Vienna.....	75
Journal for the Study of the Orient, Vienna.....	75
Classical Studies, Vienna.....	75
Tschermaks Minerological and Petrographic Notes....	125

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Printing, Postage and Stationary.....	\$126.26
Clerical Hire	119.40
Collection charges on Canadian check.....	1.30
Balance, cash in Trust Co., January 4, 1921.....	<u>\$1,058.04</u>
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ACCOUNT AT DEUTSCHE BANK, BERLIN

July 29, remitted.....	(\$1,425)	M.57,000
Oct. 7, “	(700)	M.42,424
Nov. 17, “	(500)	M.40,000

M.139,424

Less the following payments:

Kant-Society, Berlin	M.24,000
Central Institute for Pedagogy and Education, Berlin.....	M.45,000

M.69,000

Balance to credit of Society with Deutsche Bank, January 4, 1921..M.70,424

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EMERGENCY SOCIETY FOR GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN SCIENCE AND ART

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Dear Sir:-

It is well known that hundreds of thousands of people in Germany and Austria are in dire need. They are not only suffering physically, but also intellectually. Appeals without number reach us, setting forth the distress of scientific institutions and societies, upon whose activities so largely depend the economic progress and scientific achievement of the future.

To alleviate this situation, the Emergency Society for German and Austrian Science and Art has been organized. Its object is to collect and provide funds for the continuation of Germany's and Austria's intellectual and scientific life. In Germany this Society is working in close co-operation with the "Notgemeinschaft deutscher Wissenschaft" which embraces all German universities and scientific institutions of importance; in Austria with the corresponding association for Austrian science; in Bohemia with the German University at Prague.

All funds received by this Society will be transmitted and distributed without delay and thus provide work for scientists, artists and others, thereby enabling them to provide at least in part for the physical needs of their families.

Scholars and scientists will also be given opportunity to carry on their studies, which are so essential for German and Austrian economic activities.

Charity alone cannot permanently save all of these sufferers; they must be enabled to resume work and carry on research so that they may be in a position to help themselves in the future.

We sincerely hope that you will help us in our work by a contribution and by the encouragement which your co-operation will give to those in distress in these afflicted countries.

Yours very truly,

P.S.—Checks should be made payable to James Speyer, Treasurer, and sent to the Secretary, F. W. J. Heuser, Columbia University, New York City.

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